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| 40. | 30/09/93 | The West Bengal College Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1993. |
| 41. | 27/09/93 | Indian Partnership (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993. |
| 42. | 13/10/93 | The Payment of Gratuity (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993. |
| 43. | 13/10/93 | The Payment of Wages (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993. |
| 44. | 23/12/93 | The Land Acquisition (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993. |

**Dumping of Garbage on Railway Tracks**

*322. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that everyday 49000 tonnes of garbage and sewage are dumped on railway tracks, according to some expert calculations; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to ensure that the railway tracks are freed from such abuse and the environment in the surrounding areas is not polluted?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) Indian Railways have about 63,000 kms. route length criss-crossing the whole country on which 7500 passenger & 5900 freight trains run every day. These routes pass through rural areas and urban areas, some of which are thickly populated. In such a situation it is natural that some garbage gets thrown from the public areas situated alongside the track and from the passsing trains. Some night soil and garbage also gets dropped on the track from running trains. The quantum of the garbage etc. is however, difficult to assess nor have the railways attempted any exercise in this regard.

The problem is quite bad in few spots where slums (jhuggi jhopris) have come up very close to the track in certain metropolitan areas.

(b) In most of the cases the garbage and sewage is in such quantity that it does not require any systematic measure to keep the track in reasonably manageable condition. However, in few locations the problem of abuse by the population living adjoining to the track is more of a social problem. Railway has, however, undertaken the following measures:—

(i) In urban areas boundary walls and fences have been erected to prevent the dwellers from abusing the railway track and adjoining areas.

(ii) Plantation of shrubs in railway land to protect and to prevent its abuse.

(iii) Maintaining constant liasion with the Municipal Corporations and local bodies for removal of slums away from the areas adjoining the railway tracks and to provide toilets and garbage dumps etc. in nearby locations to prevent the abuse of railway land.

All out efforts are constantly made to keep the tracks and the surroundings clean by regular removal of garbage etc.

**Laying of Railway Line from Khurja Junction to Palwal**

*325. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal